

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please AMEND the Heading beginning at page 3, line 22, with the following:

~~Summery~~ Summary of the Invention

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 5, with the following paragraph:

(a. 10) After the termination of the backup process and before the restoring process, the contents of pieces of difference backup data, produced by the difference backup process, are merged in the units of blocks, or the contents of difference backup data and entire backup data are merged in the units of blocks. Thus, the restoring process can be economized by gathering the pieces of the difference backup data.